

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/739,373

Applicant(s)

HOSODA, YUICHI

Examiner

Thierry L. Pham

Art Unit

2625

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/11/07 and authorized Examiner's amendment dated 5/24/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are Claims 12-19, 22, 25-29, 33-34, and 37 are allowed; renumbered as claims 1-17.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

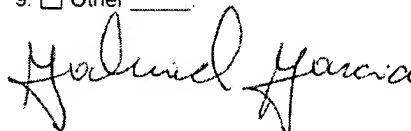
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

GABRIEL I. GARCIA
PRIMARY EXAMINER



DETAILED ACTION

- This action is responsive to the following communication: an Amendment filed on 4/11/07.
- Claims 1-11, 20-21, 23-24, 30-32, 35-36, and 38 have been canceled via authorized Examiner's Amendment dated 5/24/07; see Examiner's amendment for details.
- Claims 12-19, 22, 25-29, 33-34, and 37 are allowed; renumbered as claims 1-17.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 27-29, filed 4/11/07, with respect to independent claims 26, 33, 34, and 37 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The prior art rejection of claims 26, 33-34, and 37 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

- Claims 12-19, 22, 25-29, 33-34, and 37 are allowed; renumbered as claims 1-17.
- The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The cited prior art (US 5815764 to Tomory) of record teaches an image processing apparatus with plurality of assigned bins, but the prior art of record fails to teach and/or suggest "a control means causes said image recording apparatus to execute the recording of the same page of the image data of the second-type job by the number of times corresponding to the number of members specified by the group-name information included in the second-type job, and cause to distribute the same recording result obtained by the recording to the plural storage units allocated to the plural members specified by the group-name information included in the second-type job, and an arbitrary character string abased on an operator's manual input using a user interface unit can previously be registered as the group-name information and in combinations of other features" as cited in independent claims 26, 33, and 34 (renumbered as claims 1, 13, and 15 respectively). The examiner found neither prior art cited in its entirety, nor based on the prior art, found any motivation to combine any of prior arts that teaches the above limitations and in combinations of other features cited in claims 26, 33, and 34 (renumbered as claims 1, 13, and 15 respectively).

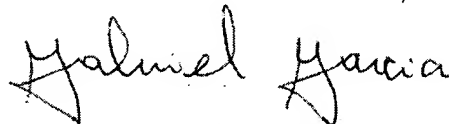
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thierry L. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7439. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30 AM - 6:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David K. Moore can be reached on (571)272-7437. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Thierry L. Pham

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabriel Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Frank Cire on 5/24/07.

Please amend the following claims:

1-11. (Canceled).

20-21. (Canceled).

23-24. (Canceled).

30-32. (Canceled).

35-36. (Canceled).

38. (Canceled).